"The South 40"
by JAMES A. SMITH
EXTENSION AGENT

One of the consideration that have come from the Pesticide Certification training is the question of "approved" respirators.

The National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) is charged with the responsibility of testing and approving personal protective equipment for agriculture.

Warning: Respirators approved with a Bureau of Mines approval should not be used for pesticides, as NIOSH standards are more rigid.

A list of approved respirators is available from our office.

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In recent years a number of soil activators and soil conditions have been introduced on the market.

Dr. Paul Christensen writing in the January issue of **Fertilizer Progress** suggests that tests conducted by research stations across the country have been unable to justify the use of these "soil medicines." Farmers need to take a long look at these materials before investing money in them.

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Ed Anderson and Horace Coleman report that the Beef Cattle Conference at Virginia Tech last week was very helpful. We need to get some of our young beef cattle producers involved in this program.

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The first Spring Feeder Sale is this Thursday at the New Livestock Yard. Sale time is 1:00 p.m.

The second sale is April 15 and we could use some more cattle for this sale. If you wish to consign, give me a call.

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Don't over-fertilize lawns in the spring. Research at Virginia Tech has consistantly shown when turfgrass is over-fertilized the food reserves in the root system are rapidly lost. This causes excessive mowing and can develop a disease problem.

We need to work toward a fall fertilization program.

Nitrogen is essential to an attractive lawn, but for spring fertilization limit the nitrogen to 1/2 pound per 1,000 square feet.

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Beef cattlemen will want to implant nursing steer calves that are two months old with a 36 mg. Ralgro implant.

You'll need to get the calves up for vaccination and you can get this job done at the same time, and it will make you money.

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A number of farmers have indicated interest in a new piece of equipment for reseeding pastures that is manufactured by John Deere. It's a relatively expensive piece of equipment but is supposed to do a better job than the zip seeder.

Will have this equipment here on April 7 at the H.B.Pack Dairy Farm from 11 A.M. to mid-afternoon. You are invited to stop by and see how it works.

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PRECIPITATION:

Last Week	.43
Month of March	2.31
Nor. for Month of March	3.48
This Year	12.46
Nor. for this year	9.34

Concord

Cub Scouts Pack 155 - Troop 1 & 2 will make bird houses for their project March 30th. Following that project will be kite making April 6th. Ribbons will be awarded for the best kite & etc. Names for the winners on birdhouses and kite flying will be mentioned later.

The Plum branch Women's Club will have their regular meeting at Mrs. John Dirzuweits home at 7:30 p.m. April 1st. Hostess for the meeting is Mrs. John Dirzuweist who will also have devotions. A discussion will be on House Trailers being made 2 more feet wider. Plum Branch Women's Club will be making pies for the Concord Fireman's Carnival which will be held April 30 at Concord School.. Eight members of Plum Branch W.C. will be going to the Alice Kyle Spring District meeting at O. T. Benner Jr. High School in Danville, Va. on April 3rd. This is the big arts & crafts show and is open to all club levels but blue ribbon winners only. Those attending are: Mrs. Oliver Heighton, Mrs. Dorothy Roasch, Mrs. Henry McClanahan, Mrs. Victory Stacy, Mrs. Lorene Smith, Mrs. William Stacy (President of Plum Branch W.C.), Mrs. John Dirzuweits and Mrs. William Kersey as delegate.

From Va. Tech Cooperative Extension Service in Rustburg we have these announcements: **Consumer Forum:** Tuesday, April 6, Ramada Inn, Lynchburg. Day and evening programs are scheduled. The theme will be "Focus on the Family". Dr. Joseph Maxwell, associate Professor, Virginia Polytechnic Institute & State University, will be the keynote speaker at the morning session starting at 10 a.m.

Miss Kathleen Wampler, Extension Specialist, Family Life, will be the keynote speaker at the evening session starting at 7:30 p.m. The program should be of interest to parents (men & women) grandparents, teachers, (school & church) nursery school workers and babysitters, all persons interested in children and people.

The following two educational programs are being sponsored by the Virginia Cooperative Extension Service in cooperation with Homemaker Clubs. District I - Home Demonstration Organization, Friday, April 2nd, Jarman Hall, Longwood College, Farmville, starting at 10 a.m. and concluding with luncheon in the College Dining Hall. **Theme:** "Our Heritage from Then Until Now". The speaker will be Mr. Stephen Alston, assistant Professor of History, Virginia State College. The quilted wall hanging will be unveiled and presented to the Agricultural Department at Virginia State College. Lunch will cost $3.50. For reservations contact Mrs. Allen Scott, Rt. 1, Box 315, Rustburg, Va. 24588.

District III - Virginia Extension Homemakers Council, Thursday April 15th Brookville High School. Coffee and exhibits 9:15 - 10 a.m. Program starting at 10 a.m. will conclude with luncheon in the cafeteria. The program will feature a slide presentation and the first showing in the area of the Bicentennial Tapestry, which is the VEHC Bicentennial contribution to the Extension Division of VPI and SU for the state of Virginia.

The magnificent work at art is a 9 X 12 ft. wall hanging made from the 102 needlepoint squares showing scenic or historical places in counties and cities throughout the Commonwealth. Campbell County's contribution was a needlepoint work of a covered bridge. The tapestry will be on display in the auditorium until 2 p.m. You may wear Colonial or Bicentennial costumes if you wish. Invite guests to join you as you share in hosting the meeting. Luncheon tickets for $2.50 may be purchased from the presidents of Extension Homemakers Clubs or Mrs. S. S. Gilbert, Route 3, Box 101, Lynchburg, Va. 24504.

Extension Service Council Meeting will be held at Concord Elementary School April 6th at 7:30 p.m. All Council members are urged to attend.

Heart program given by Plum Branch Women's Club will be at Mrs. Josephine Booth's home April 8 at 7:30 p.m. A guest speaker will be there from Piedmont Heart Association and the program will be about heart attacks and a film will be shown.

Kindergarten & First Grade Registration Set at Concord Elementary School.

Concord Elementary School will hold registration for all kindergarten and first grade students for the 1976-77 school term on April 19,1976, from 9:00 - 12:00. Parents are urged to secure the necessary medical and enrollment forms from the school prior to registration. In order to be properly registered, the following information must be provided for each child.

1. Child must have a medical form signed by a licensed physician indicating that the child meets state statues in regard to inoculation.

2. Preschool enrollment form completed by parent or guardian.

3. Kindergarten students must be 5 yrs. old on or before Dec. 31,1976.

4. First grade students must be 6 yrs. old on or before Dec. 31, 1976.

5. Parents must be prepared to present an official birth certificate as proof of age at the time of registration.

If your child attended kindergarten this year at Concord, then it is not necessary to register him/her for first grade. For further information, contact the school at 993-2257.

Teresa Lynn Anderson has been selected as one of the 20 future "Miss Richmond". She is the granddaughter of Mrs. Peggy Fulton of Concord. Teresa Lynn is sponsored by her father, Jack Anderson, President of Anderson Printing Co. of Richmond, Va., in the upcoming contest to select a "Miss Richmond, Va." winner.

That's all for now folks, see ya next week!

Faye W. Bryant, reporter

CALANDER OF EVENTS

County Chorus - For Adults. Practice every Tuesday, 7:30 to 9:00 p.m. at the Central United Methodist Church in Rustburg.

Exercise Class - Brookville Middle School. Advanced classes are being held on Thursdays from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m., ending May 6, 1976.

Yellow Branch Elementary School - advanced classes are being held on Mondays from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m., ending April 26, 1976.

Mental Health: Rustburg Presbyterian Church meets on the 3rd Thursday of each month from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m.

Roller Skating: Yellow Branch Elementary School. Fridays from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. Skate rental available. Food & drink may be purchased.

Volleyball - Rustburg Middle School - Adults. Thursday from 7:30 to 10:00 p.m.

Concord Elementary School - Adults. Mondays from 7:30 to 10:00 p.m.

Arts & Crafts - Brookneal Elementary School. Beginning March 4 and ending April 29, 1976, from 3:00 to 4:30 p.m.

Ballet - J. J. Fray Elementary School cafeteria. Classes are being held on Mondays from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. Ending May 3, 1976.

Concord Elementary School Gym. Classes are being held on Tuesdays from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m., ending May 11, 1976.

Leesville Rd. Elementary Cafeteria - Classes are being held on Wednesdays from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. with classes ending May 19, 1976; and on Thursdays from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. with classes ending May 27, 1976.

Brookville Elementary Sch. Gym - Classes are being held on Thursdays from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m., ending April 29, 1976.

Modern Dance: Brookville Middle School. Classes are being held on Mondays from 7:30 to 9:00 p.m., ending April 26, 1976.

Open Gyms: Altavista High School. Sundays, 1:00 to 6:00 p.m., ending April 4, 1976.

Baton: Brookville Middle School. Classes are being held on Saturdays from 9:00 to 11';00 a.m., ending April 24, 1976.

Leesville Road Elementary School cafeteria - Classes are being held on Tuesdays from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m., ending May 4, 1976.

J. J. Fray elementary School Cafeteria - Classes are being held on Saturdays from 10 to 12 noon, ending April 17, 1976.

Baton Corps - Brookville Middle School. Practice each Tuesday from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Drum Corps - Brookville Middle School - Practice each Mondays from 6:30 to 7:30 pm.

China Painting: Altavista Senior Center: Open house and registrations will be held on March 9 from 10 a.m. till noon....until April 29,1976.

Brookville Middle School - Open house and registration will be held on March 10 from 7 to 9 p.m. until April 21, 1976.

Timberlake Christian Church - Open house and registration will be held on March 11 from 10 a.m. to 12 noon....until April 22,1976.

Special Event: The Wayside Theater Company will be performing on April 3rd at Altavista High School at 7:30 p.m. Admission; Family $3.00, Adults $1.00, Students $.50

Exercise Class: Yellow Branch Elementary School. Beginner class will start March 10 and run on Wednesdays from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. Classes ending April 28, 1976.

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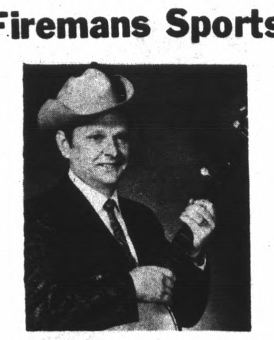

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The Appomattox County Bicentennial Commission will be publishing each week a Bicentennial Calendar of Events for Appomattox County in the **Times-Virginian**. Organizations that are planning to conduct programs or activities with a Bicentennial Theme are requested to contact Franklin Vaughan, chairman of the Appomattox Bicentennial Commission, at 352-7191 or R. B. Carter, at 352-8711. The purposes of the Bicentennial Calendar of Events will be to inform citizens of scheduled aetivities, and to prevent conflicts in schedules.

Appreciation is expressed to the owner of the **Times-Virginian** for space to publish the calendar of events.

Appomattox County
BICENTENNIAL CALENDAR OF EVENTS - 1976

April 16 - Day of Witness (Sponsored by Appomattox Ministerial Assoc.)

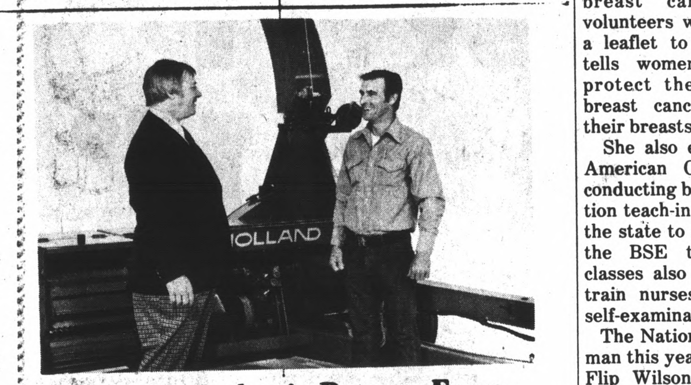
June 14 - Spout Spring Ruritan Club - Regular Meeting (members only)

July 4 - Day of Worship (Sponsored by Appomattox Ministerial Assoc.) ; Religious Musical (Sponsored by Appomattox Ministerial Assoc.) - ACHS Auditorium, 7:30 p.m.

July 18 - "We Have Come Back For a Little Look Around", A play that will be given at 1 p.m., 3 p.m., 5 p.m. on the grounds of Appomattox Historical Park (Sponsored by National Park Service)

July 27, 1976 at 7 p.m. the film "One Nation, Under God" will be shown at Hebron Baptist Church.

Oct. 16 & 17 - Historic Appomattox Railroad Festival (Sponsored by Junior Woman's Club in cooperation with local organizations) - Town of Appomattox.



A.T. & T. Mechanic Returns From Training Program

George W. Duff, Jr., mechanic for Appomattox Truck & Tractor, returned from a week-long training program at the Sperry New Holland Service Training Center at New Holland, Pennsylvania. While at the center, he attended sessions in the service and repair of a wide variety of modern farm machinery.

Duff, who resides in Gladstone, has been employed by Appomattox Truck & Tractor for 2 years. He has a 15 year farm and mechanical background.

The Sperry New Holland Training Center is one of the most modern training facilities in the nation for instructing dealer and company servicemen in farm machinery repairs. The company is among the world's ten largest farm equipment manufacturers. Providing quick, efficient service to farmers during critical harvest time is one of the company's top priorities.

Gov. Godwin Recognizes April As Cancer Control Month

"Join the Fight for Independence from Cancer" is the theme of the American Cancer Society's 1976 Cancer Crusade this April in Virginia. Gov. Mills E. Godwin, Jr., has recognized April as Cancer Control Month with the following statement:

"Although its power has been reduced by research and medical advances, cancer continues as a major scourge and a consistent killer.

"The Virginia Division of the American Cancer Society each year asks our help in making further inroads against the dread disease by celebrating April as CANCER CONTROL MONTH, and I call its significance and its appeal to the attention of all Virginians."

Chairman of the annual educational and fund-raising Crusade this year is Mrs. M. Pinson Neal, Jr., of Richmond who is leading more than 85,000 Crusade volunteers in efforts to raise $2,000,000.

Commenting on the April Crusade, Mrs. Neal said that "early detection is our best weapon against cancer." She pointed out that the educational emphasis of the Crusade is on breast cancer and ACS volunteers will be distributing a leaflet to Virginians which tells women they can help protect themselves against breast cancer by examining their breasts every month.

She also explained that the American Cancer Society is conducting breast self-examination teach-ins in many areas of the state to instruct women on the BSE technique. Special classes also are being held to train nurses to teach breast self-examination.

The National Crusade Chairman this year is television star, Flip Wilson. He pointed out that "There is an alarming increase in cancer mortality among black males and black women. Therefore, I'm going to do everything in my power to help wipe out cancer during our lifetime. In doing so, I will be working in behalf of all segments of the population."

Target Prices, Loan Rates Announced

1976 target prices for wheat, feed grain and upland cotton were announced by the U. S. Department of Agriculture, James R. Ford, Jr., Chairman, Appomattox County ASC Committee, reported. "Loan rates for wheat and feed grains, and a reinstated loan program for soybeans were also announced,' Ford said.

Target prices for 1976 are: wheat, $2.29 per bushel; corn, $1.75; sorghum, $1.49; barley, $1.28; and upland cotton, 43.20 cents per pound.

1976 loan rates are: wheat, $1.50 per bushel; corn, $1.25; barley, $1.02; oats,$.60; rye $1.00; soybeans, $2.50; sorghum, 2.13 per hundred-weight and upland cotton, 37.12 cents per pound.

"Provisions of the Agriculture and Consumer Protection Act of 1973 require that target prices for the 1976 crop be adjusted upward from 1975 levels to reflect increased production costs during 1975," Mr. Ford said. He added that loan levels were adjusted upward from minimum levels, reflecting approximately the same percentage increases made in target prices.

"Target prices and loan rates provided a guaranteed support base while adhering to the principle of reliance on the marketplace for farm income," the Chairman said.

He explained that there was no loan program in effect for soybeans in 1975. Anniversary loans which were implemented for 1975-crop grains will be continued for 1976 crop grains and also included in the soybean loan program. "Loan offer agricultural producers an opportunity to obtain cash and hold their crops for later sale and to even out marketings," Ford said.

The interest rate for 1976 commodity loans, and on storage facility and drying equipment loans will remain at the current level of 7 1/2 percent.

Target prices are used to determine payments made to producers on participating farms when the higher of the national average market price for the first five months of the marketing year, or the loan rate is less than the established target price for the particular commodity. Target prices are also used to determine payments for these crops under disaster provisions of the Agriculture and Consumer Protection Act.

Disaster payments, at a rate of not less than one-third of the target price for each crop, will be paid to eligible producers who are prevented from planting a crop or whose yields are substantially reduced due to a natural disaster.

Applicants for all ASCS programs will be given equal consideration without regard to race, color, sex, creed or national origin.

Tickets On Sale For The Va. Pork Festival

Tickets were placed on sale several weeks ago for the Bicentennial Celebration of the second annual Virginia Pork Festival to be held at the Greensville County Ruritan Club Grounds, Emporia, Va. on Wednesday, June 2,1976 from 3:00 to 8:00 P.M. Ticket sales are being limited to 4,000 tickets. Seven hundred and fifty tickets have already been sold. It is anticipated that there will be a ticket sellour prior to the Festival with no ticket sales at the gate. All those who wish to attend are encouraged to obtain their tickets now. To order tickets send a check or Money Order to Virginia Pork Festival Headquarters, 405 Halifax St., Emporia, Va., 23847. The price of the ticket is $3.00. It entitles the bearer to all that he or she can eat of a dozen different pork foods while on the grounds as well as compete for drawings for country hams or pork products gift boxes at every 30 minutes during the Festival.

The purpose of the Festival is four-fold: to promote the use of pork and pork products; to give recognition to an industry that is worth one-half billion dollars in Virginia alone; to serve through personal contact to bring about a better understanding between those involved in the production, supply, processing, marketing sectors of the pork industry and the general public who consume and utilize these pork products; and to bring an enjoyable recreational and educational activity to the general public through the cooperative efforts of a number of local, civic and educational organizations.

MAKE PLANS TO ATTEND.

"A Night of Magic" To Be Presented At Brookville

The entire family will enjoy two hours of fun and mystery when the Hill City Magicos present "A Night of Magic" at 8 p.m. on April 2 and 3 in the Brookville High School Auditorium, Lynchburg. The first half of the show will consist of acts by the Magicos and will include an act which the children will find especially entertaining.

The second act will feature Josef and Georgi Smiley of Pennsylvania. Mr. Smily is billed as "America's Master illusionist" and will perform illusion acts guaranteed to fascinate both old and young alike.

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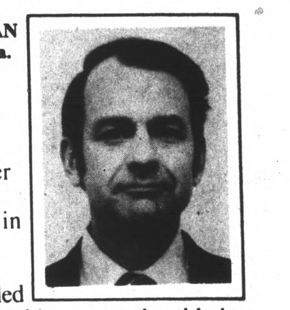

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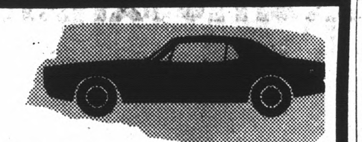

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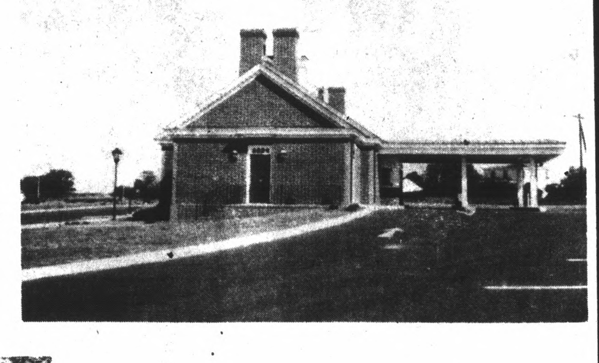

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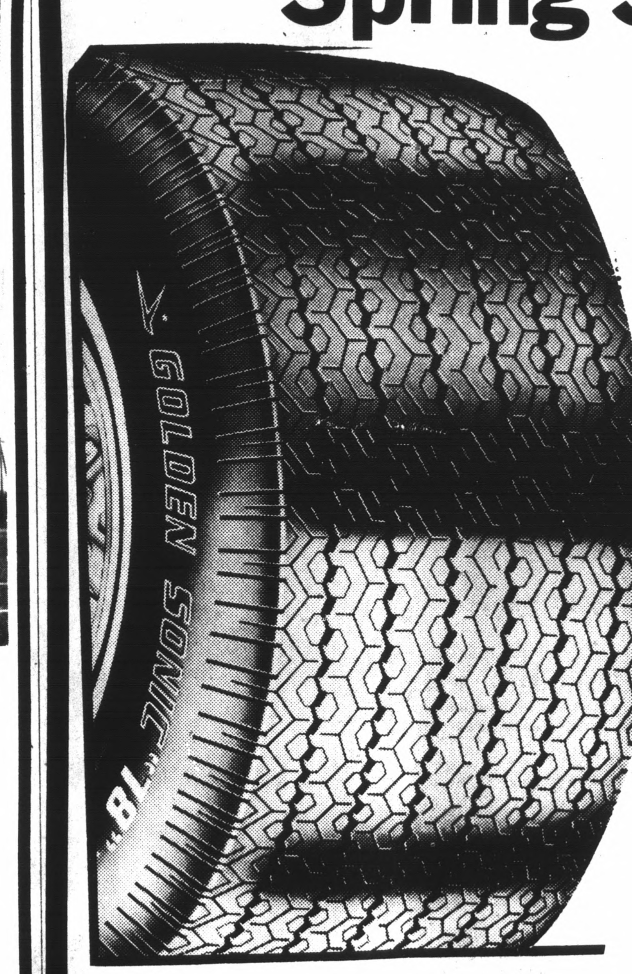

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